**San Antonio**, **TX** – On Friday, November 27, 2009, Rose Mary Ramos, eldest daughter of Bertha and the late Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez and elder sister of Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20), passed away after a long illness. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement on behalf of the family.

"Rose Mary was the best sister and supporter anyone could wish for. She felt a great sense of duty and responsibility to everyone around her. Even during an exhausting battle with cancer, she remained upbeat and unbowed, grateful for her good fortune and committed to improving the lives of everyone in her community. She has left a void in our family and in our community that can never be filled."

Ms. Ramos, a retired school teacher, was 67 at the time of her death and is survived by her mother, her husband of more than 40 years, Jesus Ramos, Jr., her daughters, Rebecca A. Young and Veronica A. Juarez, and her grandsons, Quentin and Caleb Juarez, as well as her seven siblings.

A visitation and memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 01, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Morrow Chapel of the Settegast-Kopf at Sugar Creek funeral home, located at 15015 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX. A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM.

A Rosary will be recited the night of Thursday, December 05, at the Porter Loring Mortuary, 1101 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, TX. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 06, at San Fernando Cathedral, 231 West Commerce St, San Antonio, TX, followed by interment at San Fernando Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ms. Ramos's memory to the <u>American Cancer Society</u>.

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